

## Supplemental Online Content

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**eTable.** Interview Guide

**eFigure.** Insight Into Bereaved ICU Family Members' Experience During the COVID-19 Pandemic

This supplemental material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

**eTable. Interview Guide**

<b>ICU admission</b> Prompt: "First, could you tell me about your loved-one's ICU admission? And how did you feel at that time?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The onset of the illness and it's aggravation</li> <li>• Arriving at the hospital</li> <li>• ICU admission</li> <li>• Understanding of the situation</li> <li>• Emotions</li> </ul>
<b>ICU stay and impact on personal experience</b> Prompt: "Could you tell me about your experience of your relative's time in the ICU?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Length of stay and experience of temporality</li> <li>• The possibility of visiting the patient in the ICU and experience</li> <li>• The impossibility of visiting the patient in the ICU and experience</li> <li>• Relationship with the patient in this context</li> <li>• Communication with the patient in this context</li> <li>• Dealing with the risk of infection</li> <li>• Hopes and fears during the patient's ICU hospitalisation</li> <li>• Interactions and relationship with the medical staff</li> <li>• Interactions and relationship with the nursing staff</li> <li>• Difficult and testing aspects of this experience</li> </ul>
<b>Daily life during the patient's ICU stay</b> Prompt: "Could you tell me about your daily life at home at that time? How did you personally experience these moments at home?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family life, relationship with relatives and friends</li> <li>• Waiting, anxiety, uncertainty, loneliness</li> <li>• Media coverage of COVID and of the ICU environment</li> </ul>
<b>End-of-life</b> Prompt: "If you agree, I would like for you to talk about your loved-one's end-of-life?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aggravation of the patient's clinical situation and temporality</li> <li>• Interactions with ICU team (attitudes, behaviour)</li> <li>• EOL information, discussions and preparation</li> <li>• The possibility of being present</li> <li>• The possibility of saying good-bye</li> <li>• Family support (partner, children, others)</li> <li>• Dying and death</li> <li>• End-of-life rituals</li> </ul>
<b>The funeral</b> Prompt: "Can you tell me about your relative's funeral and your experience during that time?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisation and difficulties due to the epidemic</li> <li>• Presence of family members and friends</li> <li>• The absence of those who could not come</li> </ul>
<b>Grief and mourning</b> Prompt: "Can you tell me about how you are doing today?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social support and/or isolation/feeling of loneliness</li> <li>• Your experience today, when looking back</li> <li>• Taking care of yourself and looking towards the future</li> </ul>

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